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THE year 1907 will be remembered by British ornithologists; it has marked the passing of two great authorities—Professor Newton and Mr. Howard Saunders. It is also a year in which a number of county bird volumes have appeared. We have been able to draw attention in these pages to Mr. Patten's 'Aquatic Birds of Great Britain and Ireland,' Mr. Whitaker's 'Notes on the Birds of Nottinghamshire,' Mr. Davis's 'Birds of Kent,' Mr. Nelson's 'Birds of Yorkshire,' and Mr. Haines's 'Birds of Rutland.' Our "Notes and Queries" are still recognized as the storehouse for records on British Birds; while annual reports for Norfolk, Oxfordshire, and Surrey have received ample and able treatment.

Mammalia have not received quite so much attention as usual. The recent completion of Mr. Millais's great work may have probably, for the time, induced more reading than writing on the subject.

Pisces have been the subject of some excellent work in this volume. Prof. McIntosh's "Scientific Work in the Sea-Fisheries" is of national importance. Prof. Clark has commenced a valuable "Annotated List of Cornish Fishes," while other writers have given yearly records for their counties.

The Insecta have not been neglected. Two points of great biological interest have been described in Mr. Gahan's note on a "Luminous Insect from Brazil," and in Mr. Shelford's paper on "Aquatic Cockroaches." Economic entomology might

well assume a larger feature of our pages. The ravages of insects on crops and flowers are always problems to the farmer and horticulturist, and we greatly want a Miss Ormerod among our contributors.

A general interest in British Zoology has been maintained, from Mammals to Isopods; and 'THE ZOOLOGIST' may still be expected to fulfil its mission in authority, in the vanguard of bionomical record, and as the journal for the field naturalist. In the years to come it will probably inherit its full zoological status, and then include in its purview Anthropology and Palæontology.



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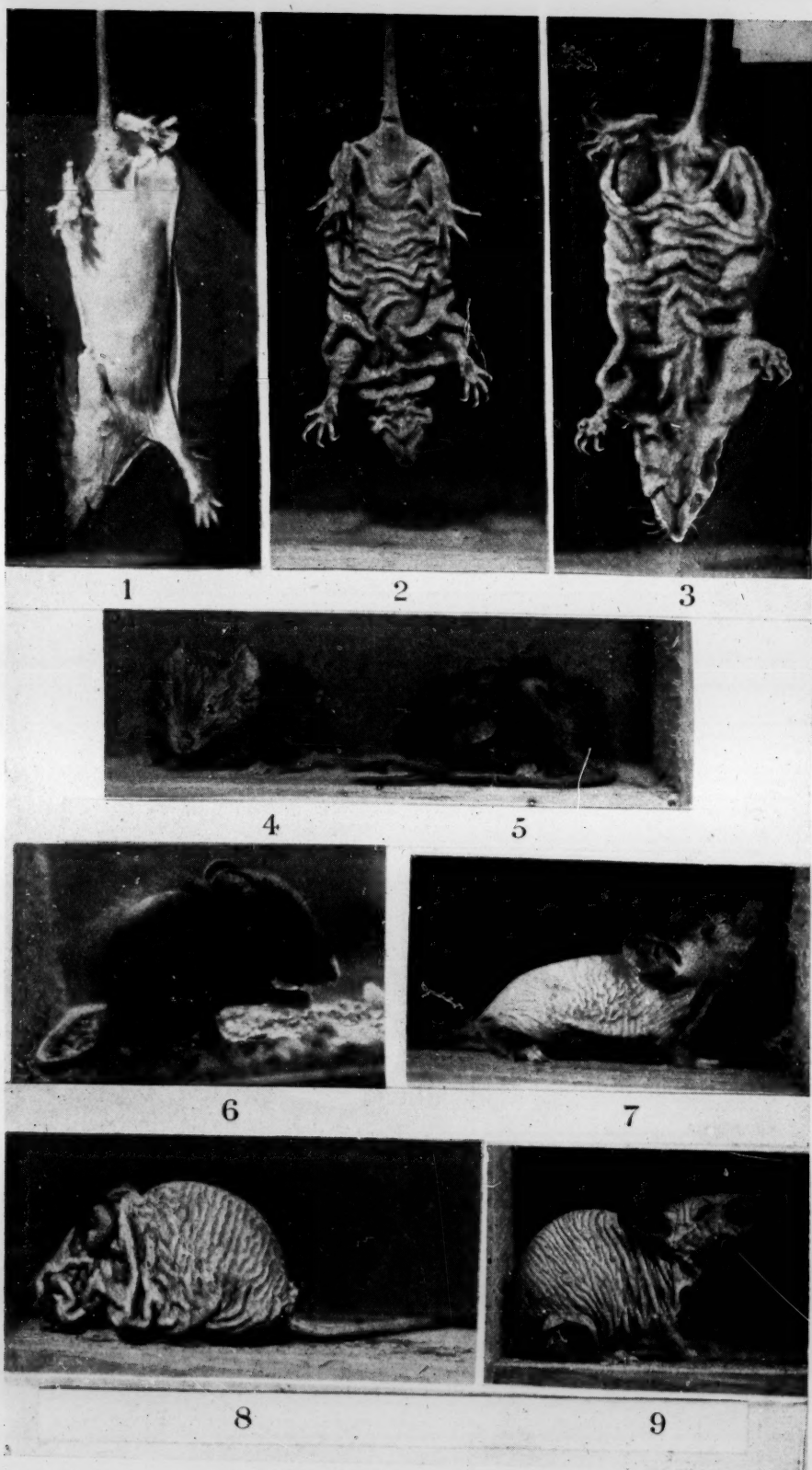
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